

<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 11, 2022 – 1030 ET

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

Bottom Line

Ambassador Bridge

- Bridge remains closed to Canada-bound traffic.
- Protest activity has remained relatively the same, most protesters are sitting in their vehicles. At approximately 03:30 ET Windsor Fire attended the Huron Church/College blockade to put out a burn barrel that some of the protesters were standing around.
- [Honda suspends one production line for day shift at plant in Alliston, Ont. | TheReord.com](#)
- Windsor Tunnel continues to process more commercial vehicles as a result of the situation at the Bridge.
- No traffic delays are reported at the Windsor Tunnel as of 0914 ET.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- Blockade still in place on the 402 Hwy between Nauvoo Rd. and Forest Rd. **Truck traffic is expected to continue to increase throughout the day as traffic is diverted from the Ambassador Bridge, which remains closed. Currently truck traffic volumes are holding steady.**
- As of 0914 ET no border wait time was reported

Emerson

- **As of 0844, traffic is minimal due to inclement weather in the area.**

Airports

- On February 10, Toronto Police have advised there is potential for the ongoing trucker protests to shift attention and target Canadian airports on February 11 starting at noon. The information came from post on Twitter indicating to "Join us - Feb 11 - Airports - Montréal – Toronto – Winnipeg – Regina – Calgary – Edmonton – Vancouver".

Upcoming protest events:

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ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
- Ottawa – Parliament Hill protest continues - Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. - Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade - Sault Ste. Marie – protestor offsite - Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge - Emerson – North and South bound traffic blockage north of POE - Pacific Highway (near POE)	- Ottawa – protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. - Montreal Airport – Feb 12, 2022 Overseas: - New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests - France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium)	CANADA <u>February 11</u> - Canadian Airports – Noon - Vancouver International Airport <u>February 12</u> - Woodstock ATL/ Houlton, ME - Lacolle, QUE - Montreal, QUE (convoy to Ottawa) - Lansdowne, NOR - Peace Bridge, SOR - Thunder Bay / Pigeon River - Regway, PRA - Osoyoos, PAC – Feb 12, 2022 - Paterson, PAC- Feb 12, 2022 <u>February 13</u> - Fort Frances, NOR <u>Unknown date</u> - SOR Rail blockade - North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MG US - Buffalo – Feb 11, 2022 - Peace Bridge, NY – Feb 12, 2022 - Port Huron / Sarnia – Feb 12, 2022 Overseas - Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) - Australia- protest activity in support

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US Protestors Identified at Port of Entries

- Reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhanced Vigilance Exams of potential protestors:

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3	0		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1			• U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. • Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Total	16	29	22	3	3	

Atlantic Region

- No impacts to CBSA operations reported

Quebec Region

Lacolle

- As of 0914 ET, There appears to be more activity surrounding possible protest activity on 2022-02-19; There is growing concern over the restrictions of fuel and food at the protest site in Ottawa and this may influence the decision to protest locally in QC and perhaps in-turn at Lacolle POE.
- SQ continues to investigate the open source information available and are preparing a response plan in the event that the protest becomes a reality. CBSA Intel is liaising with SQ. Quebec Region CBSA Intel is liaising with USCBP, who report having heard of a possible protest/blockade at Lacolle (Autoroute 15) on Feb 12, 2022.

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- In the event that a protest takes place the RPC/CTR management will work with the RCMP/SQ to ensure the free flow of traffic from Roxham road to the RPC/CTR and the possibility of transport from the RPC/CTR to Montreal/IHC/quarantine facilities etc.

Northern Ontario Region

Thunder Bay / Pigeon River

- As of 1605 ET on Feb 10, 2022 NOR region reported the receipt of open source information from the s.37 regarding plans for protest activity at the border on Feb 12, 2022 at 1100 ET. Protesters will begin in the intercity area of Thunder Bay and do a "slow roll" down highway 61 towards the Pigeon River POE, ending at the Tourist Information Centre just north of the port. Distance is approximately 60km. No other info at this time.

Sault Ste. Marie

- As of 23:13 ET on Feb 10, all protestors that were staged across the road from the have left the area. City Police have been in constant communication. According to previous information, the protestors do plan to return each morning.

Lansdowne

- s.38 provided unconfirmed information that a protest might occur in Lansdowne on Feb 12, 2022 that might involve the closing of the Thousand Islands Bridge by a group within Canada. Info is sourced from management of company that employs various commercial drivers.

Greater Toronto Area Region

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- Media reports: The Toronto Police Services Board has given its nod to an operational plan for dealing with another possible round of convoy protests in the city this weekend.
<https://www.cp24.com/news/toronto-police-board-says-it-supports-plans-to-manage-further-trucker-convoy-protests-in-the-city-1.5776650>

Southern Ontario Region

Passage count week by week comparison (updated Feb 11, 2022 0900 ET)

SOR Traveller Conveyances:

# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31 Monday	2022-02-01 Tuesday	2022-02-02 Wednesday	2022-02-03 Thursday	2022-02-07 Monday	2022-02-08 Tuesday	2022-02-09 Wednesday	2022-02-10 Thursday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,825	1,873	1,040	872	611	15	21	16
Windsor Tunnel	2,711	3,058	1,693	1,551	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,762
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	566	550	279	331	578	394	380	485
Fort Erie Traveller	1,164	1,085	1,017	641	1,140	998	969	930
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	543	416	416	284	491	445	452	586
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	339	278	265	179	334	301	381	465
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total	7,148	7,260	4,710	3,858	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,244
Difference					0%	-9%	49%	88%
					35	-645	2,316	3,386

SOR Commercial Truck Conveyances:

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# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3,554	4,864	4,365	3,385	1,728	5	0	0
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,117	2,828	2,182	1,937	2,663	4,845	5,119	4,894
Fort Erie Commercial	1,258	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,526
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,168	1,386	1,440	1,017	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964
Commercial Conveyance Total	8,097	10,840	9,819	7,599	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,384
Difference					-14%		-6%	23%
					-1,131	-2,609	-545	1,785

Ambassador Bridge:

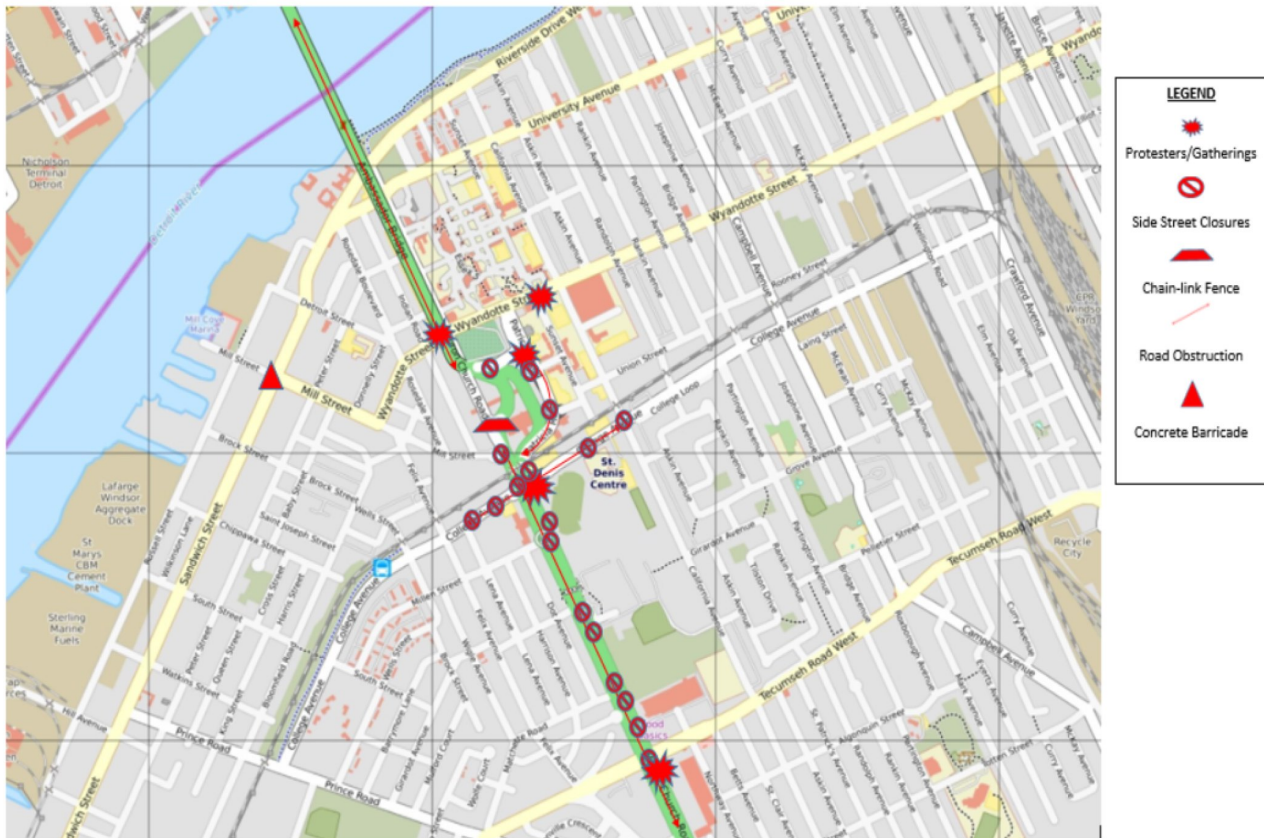
- On Feb 11, 2022 as of 05:00 ET, two protest vehicles sitting in a parking lot off of Patricia, facing the Duty Free
- On Feb 11, 2022 as of 03:00 ET, vehicles assembling on the south side of the Tecumseh Rd./ Huron Church police blockade by the Shell gas station, with additional vehicles in the Shell parking lot and adjacent plaza parking lot. The three north bound lanes are blocked. Wyandotte St. is still blocked, therefore US bound traffic cannot currently access the Bridge via the Wyandotte ramp.
- The Windsor-Detroit Truck Ferry (Barge) is open from 0800-1700 after being closed Feb 10, 2022, due to ice in the Detroit River.
- As of 0830 ET, multiple news outlets are in the area.
- As of 0900 ET, the Region notes desperate pleas on Facebook for large truck reinforcement. There were multiple posts on Facebook alluding that today the Government and Law Enforcement are “coming” for them. Uncorroborated intel: Facebook group posted that today it’s going to be Code Orange “Law Enforcement will be bringing out tear gas and rubber bullets.”
- On Feb 10, 2022, City of Windsor applied for injunction to end demonstrations. Decision deferred until noon tomorrow Feb 11, 2022. A lawyer was present during the evening at Wyandotte St. talking to protesters about injunction process.

Windsor Tunnel

- Tunnel continues to process more commercial vehicles as a result of the situation at the Bridge.

Map of Ambassador Bridge Vicinity showing impacted areas

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Blue Water Bridge:

- OPP EOC is on-site at Blue Water Bridge. CBSA Chief POC is established to liaise directly with OPP Command in EOC.
- 0900 ET, the region reports uncorroborated intel: A press release by the Sarnia social media group continues to state that the current group of 13 tractors and pickups currently blocking a section of the 402 are NOT represented in this release. They explain why they are fighting for the mandates to end, and stated they have no intention of blockading/shutting down the Bluewater Bridge. However, if the Windsor blockades start to dissolve without resolution due to Government/Police action they will set up a blockage at the bridge to continue to slow the Canadian economy. None of the information has been verified outside the group.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge

- CBSA Chief/Manager presence will be established 24/7 in the joint OPP/Niagara Regional Police (NRP) EOC.
- At approx 08:00, two CHCH news/media vehicles set up in a public parking lot directly across from Peace Bridge Commercial Operations.

Prairie Region

Combined Conveyance Counts (as some small POEs do not differentiate between commercial or travellers)

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# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Coutts Travellers	27	44	46	83	92	58	15	20
Coutts Commercial *	59	117	139	154	196	161	0	12
Emerson Travellers	88	97	63	87	98	57	91	34
Emerson Commercial	620	763	572	337	438	649	771	63
Del Bonita	157	118	0	0	61	64	255	336
Canway	62	63	83	97	62	31	67	87
Aden	6	6	9	6	1	4	8	6
Other Commercial POEs								
Regway	102	81	44	44	59	75	78	73
Rossville	135	128	83	127	91	89	125	161
North Portal Travellers	47	58	37	40	43	44	38	52
North Portal Commercial	382	279	277	305	259	291	427	452
Sprague	59	78	21	28	64	71	64	117
Boissevain	104	117	40	35	112	123	146	193

Multiple daily Ops meetings with the RCMP in both Coutts and Emerson to discuss current operational issues. This meeting includes various law enforcement including Provincial Sheriffs, RCMP, CBSA, CBP, CP Police, municipal police services, etc.

The CBSA and USCBP meet daily at the operational level and senior management level (RDGO) to discuss the coordination of alternate ports/diversion/expanded hours of operations, the processing/facilitating of live animals and discuss roles and responsibilities at the border i.e. USCBP playing a point position for north bound traffic and diverting where possible.

The CBSA meets with the US Consul – RDG provided updates related to steps being taken at the borders (CBSA related only). Regular meetings with senior management (RDG to RDG) of CFIA to discuss the movement of sensitive loads.

Coutts:

- An official request from the RCMP is expected on February 11, for the temporary closure of the Coutts POE to maintain public safety and support their local efforts with the protestors. If the temporary closure request is approved, the CBSA will maintain an operational presence at the POE in the event that the Coutts blockade is lifted or emergency services are required to transit the POE. The CBSA will continue to redeploy resources from Coutts to nearby POEs to handle traveller and commercial goods diversions. CBSA will communicate any changes in hours and alternate POEs via Border Alert Messaging, communications and the external website.

Del Bonita

- As on 20:00 on Feb 10, there are no longer any protestors at the site. Three Alberta Sheriffs remain at intersection Hwy 501 and Hwy 62.

Emerson:

- As of 0844 ET, the protest blockade north of the Emerson POE on Hwy 75, remains in place. Traffic is minimal due to inclement weather in the region. The CBSA has made provision for extended hours and capacity at neighbouring ports of entry to provide alternative services. Traffic will be diverted to the following POE's for extended hours
 - o Tolstoi 8:00-22:00
 - o Gretna 8:00-22:00
 - o Winkler 8:00-22:00
 - o Sprague 24 hrs
 - o Boissevain 24 hrs

Gretna:

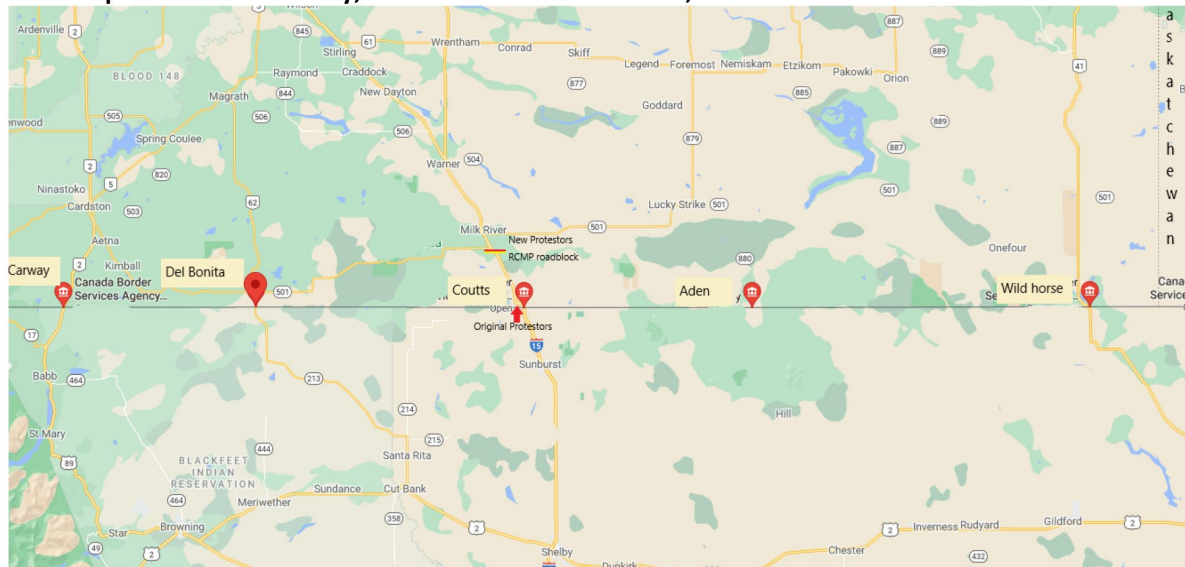
- As of 0911 ET, Gretna MB POE was delayed opening, due to HWY 14 and HWY 75 weather related road closures. USCBP was notified and did not open the gates until confirmation was received that POE Gretna was operational.

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Winkler

- On February 11, 2022, as of 0934 ET, the Winkler MB port of entry (POE) will delay opening on account of blowing snow and poor visibility necessitating road closures in the area.

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Pacific Region

Okanagan and Kootenay District

All 11 land POEs in the district are being monitored for potential activity

- Rykerts - Local RCMP engaged and are patrolling the area. No sign of any activity and operations continue to monitor. USCBP have been engaged. Two protest groups alleged to be headed to Rykerts as of Feb 10 at 12:30 PT. Nothing confirmed. Redeployment of Sup's/BSO's from Kingsgate will be done should this materialize
- Roosville – Local RCMP and RCMP HQ in Surrey has been engaged and has advised they will respond accordingly should a blockade set up. Local RCMP are increasing patrols in the area. USCBP have been engaged
- Paterson - Feb 12. event planned which is being called “bear hugging”. Event to travel from Salmo, BC to Paterson POE. USCBP and RCMP HQ in Surrey has been engaged and has advised they will respond accordingly should a blockade set up. Local RCMP are increasing patrols in the area.

Pacific Highway/Abbotsford

- As of 19:00 PST on Feb 10, 2022 the demonstration continues near the Pacific Highway Port of Entry with approximately 100 participants. They are located on the west side of 176 St between 2nd and 4th Ave. The protesters remain peaceful while displaying various freedom messages and waving Canadian flags. There are approximately 15 personal vehicles circling the block from 4th to 2nd Ave, honking horns and waving Canadian flags. There is no impact on CBSA operations

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Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: as of Feb 10, 2022 at 1330, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Communications

- As of February 10 2022, Media Relations reports 16 media calls with PCO for final awareness that will be closed with reporters shortly.

Other Governmental Departments

Media reports:

- GOC reports that additional reporting is expected beginning Feb 11, 2022 from other government departments including RCMP, GAC, PCO, CSIS, ITAC, Canadian Coast Guard, and others.

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